

## "I AM A MURDERER"

Chicago Negro's Exclamation of Horror.

## FOR THE LOVE OF A WOMAN

Religion Forces Him to Clear Up a Paris Tragedy—Like a Tale of Woe.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—James Williams horrified the congregation of the Colored Free Methodist chapel tonight by publicly confessing himself a murderer. Williams is a colored man, 29 years old and was recently converted. When called upon to pray tonight he shouted, "Oh, Lord, I want to climb the golden stair, but I never can with this terrible sin on my soul. I am guilty of murder."

Williams said that while employed as a servant in the family of Charles Lavalure in Paris, France, he murdered his master. The Paris police were unable to discover the murderer. "I am the murderer, while an innocent man is now confined in prison," he cried. "While I was in the employ of Lavalure, a man named John Lafayette fell in love with Lavalure's wife. The couple desired to marry but the husband stood in the way. I formed a plan to rob them of money. Even the wife was ignorant as to who committed the murder. I left Paris and went to Louisiana. Some time afterwards Lafayette followed me, accompanied by the woman. I then committed another crime and put the public opinion on Lafayette. He was tried and is now in prison at East Baton Rouge. I did this because I was in love with the woman myself."

Williams was arrested. The police will communicate with the Louisiana authorities and find out whether or not Williams' story is true.

## LIZZIE BURNED THE GOWN.

A New Feature of the Famous Borden Murder Case.

TAUNTON, Mass., Dec. 25.—There is no intimation yet in regard to the time of arraigning Miss Borden for the murder of her father and stepmother. It is asserted that the government is in no hurry to have the case presented, because of a belief that the woman is insane, or if not so now that she will be before the trial. If she is insane the enormous expense of a trial will be avoided and the ends of justice practically attained. If she is placed on trial the only important question to be explained will be the regard to the dress and for the first time the details of that affair are now made public. Miss Russell and the two Misses Borden were in a room on the third or fourth day after the murders. Lizzie went out then came into the room again holding in her hand a dress, which she pointed to, at the same time saying, "They are making so much fuss over things about here that I guess I will burn this. It is an old dress over which I spilled some red paint."

She passed out into the kitchen and put the dress into the fire. When the officers in their search found a piece of this dress in the ashes they sought to learn what it meant, and it was for this reason that the New Bedford purchase was so closely examined into. Miss Russell said nothing about this matter at the first hearing, nor did Emma Borden, but when Miss Russell was asked point blank in regard to the occurrence the day before the grand jury reported she told the story. Bridget Sullivan was shown the piece and said that Lizzie wore a dress like that on the morning of the murder. Emma said, in explanation of the affair, that it was a general custom in the family to burn up their clothes when they were of no further use.

## VICTORY FOR LABOR.

Men Cannot Be Discharged for Belonging to a Labor Union.

MASTON, Ga., Dec. 25.—Judge Emery Speers of the United States court rendered a decision yesterday in the case of the striking telegraph operators on the Central railroad against the receiver. Judge Speers said that the fact that a man was a member of a labor organization was no reason for his discharge. On the motion of the strikers, asking the court to reinstate them in their former positions, Judge Speers ruled in their favor, so far as to order the receiver to replace all the men except where their positions had been already filled. In one sense, this is a complete victory for labor organizations, inasmuch as it establishes the precedent that a laborer cannot be discharged for the sole reason that he has allied himself to labor unions. Judge Speers states that there has been no inconsiderate action on both sides. The case against Haggard and Heppinstall, for contempt, was postponed until after the holidays.

## FROM FAR JAPAN.

Particulars of the Wreck of the Chichima Can On Norie Mura.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—The steamship Oceanic arrived this evening bringing Japanese advices up to December 8. The ship was wrecked on November 29 by the emperor. The details of the wreck of the new Japanese vessel, Chichima Kan, which left Sagami on November 28 for Kobe, en route to Tokyo, show that Wednesday morning when off Norie Mura she ran into the British steamer Bavena and immediately went to the bottom. Out of the crew of nearly one hundred persons were saved. The Bavena transferred the passengers safely to the Empress of Japan and is now at anchor at Origo, near Kureshima, having sustained serious injuries by the explosion of the Kan vessel when the collision occurred.

## TRAINS BLOCKADED.

Stock in Kansas and Oklahoma Killed by the Big Blizzard.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 25.—Kansas, Oklahoma and the west generally is experiencing a genuine Christmas blizzard today, which threatens not only to block railroad travel, but to do great damage to the stock on the ranges south of Kansas if it continues for many hours. Last night a driving rain began early in the evening, which continued almost to daylight, when it gave way to driving snow, the wind having shifted around to the northwest

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## ROUGH PASSAGE.

Sails Has a Hard Trip of It Across the Atlantic.

New York, Dec. 25.—The steamship Saile, from Bremen, arrived at quarantine this morning. Captain Ring reported that the trip was one of the roughest he has ever experienced. The weather, he said, was extremely cold and continued so until they were near this port, when it became more moderate. The steamer was completely coated with ice. The life boats on the starboard side were badly injured from the heavy seas and one of the ventilators lifted from its position and bent out of shape. During the entire voyage the passengers were compelled to remain under deck.

## CROOKS BREAK JAIL.

One of Them Also Breaks a Leg and Is Re-arrested.

St. Louis, Dec. 25.—Edward, alias "Speedy" Murphy, Edward O'Connell and James Morrissey, alias "Candy Alley," three notorious and dangerous crooks, broke jail in the district station at St. Louis this morning in a very early hour this morning in a peculiar manner. They managed to make their way to the Carr street side, but in jumping from a window seven feet above the ground, Murphy fell and broke his leg. He was re-arrested, but the other two men got away and are still at large. They are well known crooks, whose pictures adorn many galleries.

## Murdered His Friend.

MADISON, Minn., Dec. 25.—Patrick Naven and Henry Guth fought in the moonlight at 10 o'clock last night over a trivial matter as to him as festivities. The men were separated by friends, but met on the next block where Naven whipped out a large jack-knife and severed Guth's femoral artery. The latter ran ten rods and fell dead. The coroner's jury found Naven guilty of murder in the first degree.

## Fool and His Money.

HILLSBORO, N.J., Dec. 25.—Martin A. Ritchie, a prominent and wealthy farmer residing a few miles north of Litchfield, this county, was swindled out of \$5,000 yesterday by the old three-card monte game. He met several strangers and was soon interested in the game, and thinking he had a sure thing he bet and won \$10,000, but when the confidence men went to pay him his money they gave him an empty box and kept his \$5,000.

## Crushed in His Skull.

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 25.—A telegram is received here from Anguilar announcing the death of Private Lynch of Troop K, Third Cavalry, commanded by Captain Hunter, now in the field after revolutionists in the lower country. Lynch was driving a mule attached to one of the large supply wagons, when he went to sleep, fell off the lead mule and the wagon ran over his head, crushing it and causing almost instant death.

## Coal Mine Affair.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 25.—Fire was discovered in the Reading company's West Mahanoy City colliery last night and has been raging ever since. A nest of sixteen boilers and several outbuildings have sunk into the mine by the burning away of the timbers. The damage already runs high into the thousands, and 600 men will be out of work.

## Father Henri Dead.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 25.—Jacob Henrich, 80 years of age, of the Economic society of Economy, Pa., died at 3 o'clock this morning aged 88 years. The society of which Father Henrich was leader is composed of about 500 people, all celebrities and are worth between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000.

## Roasted Alive.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 25.—John Purdy was burned to death in the Wilmering lockup at 3 o'clock this morning. Purdy was arrested last night for being drunk. At 4 o'clock this morning the lockup was discovered on fire. Purdy was the only inmate. Before he could be rescued he was roasted alive.

## Santa Claus Horribly Burned.

SPRINGFIELD, N. Y., Dec. 25.—John Hausberger was horribly burned at Hopewell school house last evening, while acting as Santa Claus in a Christmas entertainment. His dress of cotton cloth caught fire and also his celluloid false face. The fire cooked his face and burned out one eye.

## Another Dynamite Horror.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 25.—An explosion of dynamite occurred in the case of two miners south of this city today. Fred Bailey had his legs blown off and one eye blown out. William Risk was dangerously cut and bruised. Bailey will die.

## McGinnis Celebrates Mass.

BACONSVILLE, Dec. 25.—The Rev. Dr. Edward McGinnis, who has been translated as a priest by Mr. Scholl, celebrated mass in private in the chapel of St. John's college this morning.

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## Fell Into Barbarism.

The mission question revives memories of the Spanish conquest. For 150 years the Jesuits enjoyed undisputed ascendancy in Paraguay. There they reduced the Indian language to a written idiom, taught the natives the rudiments of wood carving and European agriculture, planted orange groves, cultivated verba tea, built model villages and governed the country on humane principles. No work more wonderful was ever done by Christian missionaries than that of the Jesuits in the upper Harana, and in the region now known as the missions.

When the expulsion of the Jesuits was declared they offered no resistance, but quietly left the country which they had governed for so long a time. In the course of a single generation a population of 150,000, employed in various industries, abandoned the plantations and relapsed into barbarism.

Then followed the reign of Montevideo, and a war extermination. In a heart-rending struggle against three stronger states a simple minded people endured manifold sufferings for the sake of a tyrant who had murdered his mother, brothers, and rivals and allies. They fought for their oppressor until he himself was slain in the forests, and three-fourths of their heroic warriors were slain.

## Disputing the Boundary.

The victorious coalition, including Brazil, the Argentine Republic and Uruguay, returned from the old Jesuit mission ground with an unsettled frontier question which has continued to excite suspicion and jealousy during years of secret intrigue. The establishment of the Brazilian republic was followed by an era of good feeling. President Feidraiz, minister of foreign affairs of Bacacava, went to Montevideo and Buenos Ayres on a mission of peace; and while the suggestion he made was subsequently condemned by the Brazilian congress, the question has been settled by the arbitration of the United States of America. A memorial of the former, exercise of similar office, existed in the opposite quarter of Paraguay, where one of the number of cities is named Villa Hayes, in honor of the American president who acted as arbitrator in dividing the territory between the two republics. His successor now has the responsible office of adjudicating national titles to the working field of the heroic Jesuits and the battle grounds of one of the strangest wars in history.

## MILITARY AUTOGRAPH.

The Commandant of Fort Schuyler Severe With His Men.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Major J. P. Sanger, of the inspector general department, has made a report to the secretary of war upon the case of Captain Frank C. Gragan, Second Artillery, in command of the post at Fort Schuyler, N. Y., but the officials refuse to make known his contents at this time. It has been reported to the department that Captain Gragan is harsh and cruel to the soldiers of his command, and that his tyrannical conduct has caused many desertions at that post, and was possibly indirectly the cause of one or more recent suicides among the men.

## Miners Asphyxiated.

MASCHOUT, Ill., Dec. 25.—J. M. Kidd, mine boss, Elmer Rosenberry and Alfred Simon, workmen, went into an unused portion of a coal mine near here yesterday to inspect for proposed improvements. All three were soon overcome by foul gas. Although rescued from the mine in a very short time, the two workmen were dead and it is doubtful if the mine boss will recover.

## Hardin Released.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 25.—The theft of \$5,000 from an express package is as much a mystery as ever. Hardin, the suspected Adams express messenger who was arrested here for the purpose of identification on Friday night, was Mrs. Brenner, the woman who sold the stamp needed on the bogus package, yesterday. The woman failed to identify him and he was released from the custody of the detective.

## Fatal Christmas Quarrel.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Joseph Ross, formerly of New York, a young Irishman in the employ of the Chicago Telephone company, shot and fatally wounded his step father, Anthony Levelle, about 8 o'clock this morning. The two men had a quarrel and while engaged in a fight over a watch Ross drew a revolver and fired four bullets into the old man.

## Fatal Christmas Drink.

HUNTSVILLE, Va., Dec. 25.—James Gorman of Charleston, W. Va., was found this morning in an open hall-way where he had fallen and died of a stroke of apoplexy. He was almost dead when found and died soon afterwards at St. Nicholas hospital.

## EYES ON OUR GOLD

Foreign Financial and Speculative Circles Uneasy.

## PANAMA SCANDAL EFFECTS

English Investors Watching the New York Money Market—France Has Faith in the Government.

## SHORTAGE IN HOGS.

Five Thousand Men Dropped in a Month by Chicago Packers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—There is a dullness about packingtown nowadays that has not been paralleled for many years. Since December 1, 5,000 men have been discharged. The plants of the big packers are hardly working at half their capacity. The indications are, that unless the supply of hogs is speedily increased, further reductions will be necessary. The condition of things has been brought about by most unusual shortage in the hog crop.

This shortage is readily shown by the following statistics: From November 1 to December 21, western packing was but 2,180,000 against 3,820,000 for the same period last year, showing a shortage of 1,640,000 for the west. Chicago for the same period this year packed 750,000 against 1,470,000 last year, showing a shortage for this market of nearly 700,000. Leading packers, while they assert that this condition of affairs was forced in part, yet admit that the shortage greatly exceeds the calculations of the shrewdest among them, and that some of them were caught on the wrong side of the market. They admit that there does not seem to be any immediate relief from the embarrassing situation, since the shortage is daily becoming greater, and some of them go far as to assert that no relief can come until the next spring crop of hogs is marketed. The shortage is ascribed to a variety of causes, chief among which is the floods of late spring, which killed off the young pigs in many sections. The low prices of corn last spring, which enabled farmers to fatten and market their hogs earlier than usual, is also considered an important factor in the present shortage.

## May Help Them Out.

If New York banks do as it is reported they probably will pay gold for a mass of government bonds, a rally in American railroads is certain as a part from the currency question. The outflow is distinctly in favor of a recovery. Despite fluctuations, the changes for the week are small, including the following: Increases—Denver preferred 1, Atchison mortgage, Denver common and Lake Shore 1/4 each. Decreases—Atchison shares and Missouri, Kansas & Texas 1/4 each. Grand Trunk securities benefited from the better traffic returns; first and second preference advanced 1 and guaranteed 1/4. Mexican railroad closed about 1 point lower, falling in sympathy with silver. Buenos Ayres Southern and Buenos Ayres & Rosario railroads closed 1 point lower.

## Confidence in the Republic.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The Bourse the past week has been very unsettled. Every day saw unusual fluctuations. The energetic actions of the government, however, somehow checked the depressing influence of the Panama canal disclosures and especially the gloom due to M. Rouvier's weak defense. Considering the exciting events in the chamber of deputies, Rentes have shown a surprising firmness. The large amount of government purchases made when Rentes declined, shows conspicuously that the country confidence in the sound state of public finances is unshaken. But for the number and importance of these orders the fall would have been much heavier. The large speculative sales of foreign "shares" were largely responsible for the decline. Local banks were sharply attacked, but, with the exception of Credit Foncier, regained early the whole of the lost ground. Credit Foncier closed 26 1/2 lower.

## Studying American Economics.

BERLIN, Dec. 25.—The Bourse was affected by the depressing influence of the Paris Bourse, but recovered at the end of the week on the improved tone in Paris. Changes in international funds were fractional. Greater attention has lately been devoted to America and its economic condition. Former sanguine hopes that eventually there would be a heavy increase in German exports to the United States, have been abandoned; but, on the other hand, a large development in American funds is believed probable.

## Tip on a Cake of Ice.

NAUVOO, Ill., Dec. 25.—Two men named Kacey and Horton, living at Montrose, Ia., had a terrible experience and a narrow escape from death by drowning yesterday. They attempted to cross the river in a skiff through a mass of floating ice. The skiff finally upset, filled and sank. After a struggle they succeeded in catching a cake of ice, to which they clung. The two men floated down the river for an hour, crying pitifully for help. Lige Parker and Ed Wilhemy saw the men and ran out on the sandbar at the Riverside Mills, where a skiff lay, and rescued them.

## Drink Ruins a Man.

OMAHA, Dec. 25.—Another good man seems to have gone wrong, this time in the person of Edward Daniels, a prominent lawyer and loan and collection agent in this city. He had been drinking heavily and lost his mind. He had no other resources and took part in the recent campaign as a stump speaker.

## What Were His Dreams?

GOLDEN, Col., Dec. 25.—David Ritter was shot and instantly killed by P. P. Shafter last night. Shafter's ranch in the western part of this county. The weapon used was a shotgun, the whole charge of which entered Ritter's head. After committing the crime Shafter lay down and slept all night. This morning he went to a neighboring ranch and announced his intention of coming to make known his contents at this time. He was a republican politician of prominence and took part in the recent campaign as a stump speaker.

## ENGLAND'S DISGRACE.

She Encourages Slavery by a System Particularly Unique in Idea. LOSBON, Dec. 24.—The British government, which has sanctioned the horrible system by which the sugar plantations of Queensland get cheap labor by "indentured natives of the Polynesian islands, is said to be much concerned in the manner in which the Gilbert islanders are being "kidnapped" by agents of the Guatemalan planters. From the reports which have reached here, the hiring and the kidnapping appear to be a monstrous item, but, in the case of the Guatemalans, being British subjects, can do no wrong, while the Guatemalans, being republicans, are incapable of doing anything right. Therefore, the British government has been ordered to be made into "the Indian traffic" between Gilbert and Guatemalans, and it is impossible that the United States government may be asked to co-operate.

## PROMPTED BY REVENGE.

The Dublin Dynamite Outrage Planned to Liberate Dynamiter Daily. DUBLIN, Dec. 25.—Detective Synott, who lost his life by the explosion at the Dublin detective office yesterday, was found lying prostrate, his face mangled, an arm and leg shattered and severely wounded on the chest. He was taken to the James street hospital, where his injured limbs were amputated. He lay unconscious for about twenty minutes, then died. The walls of the detective office were cracked by the force of the explosion and all of the windows and frames were broken. At the spot where the infernal machine exploded, the fencing of the court yard was torn up for several feet and a great hole excavated in the earth. Apparently Synott had kicked, or otherwise moved the machine away from the wall of the building. On the interior all the rooms are strewn with broken glass and splintered glass.

## More National Opera.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 25.—Howard Kinley of this city is developing a plan for a national opera. It proposes thirty weeks of opera, from October to May, in the largest cities, the time to be proportioned to population. The expense is to be managed by a board of directors from the seven cities interested in the scheme.

## Sold a Girl for \$12.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Dec. 25.—A story of a girl being sold in marriage comes from New Lebanon, Columbia county. The case was brought to light by the arrest of George L. Barnes, his wife and Susan M. Bailey, the girl's mother, charged with intoxication. Le Barnes was sent to jail for six months for disorderly conduct, and the women were permitted to go. The girl wife said she was married to Le Barnes in July last at the age of 14. She said she did not care much about marrying the man, but he paid her father a little over \$12 for her.

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## IT CAUSED A PANIC

Electric Light Wires Cut by Toledo Strikers.

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING STOPS

Electric Systems Stopped and Human Lives Endangered by Contact With Hanging Wires.

TOLEDO, Dec. 25.—Half of the men connected with the Electric Union of this city struck at 8 o'clock last evening. There had been no warning and great confusion and excitement were the result. The union includes the linemen on both of the street car systems, the Toledo Electric Light company, and the Western Electric company. The first intimation of wrong was when the city was suddenly plunged into darkness.

## "Mons. C. A. Dana."

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The Gaulois today publishes the following: "Mons. C. A. Dana, one of the leading political men of the United States, owner and editor of the Sun, one of the greatest newspapers of New York, arrived day before yesterday in Paris, stopping at the Hotel Bristol. Mons. C. A. Dana est l'un des amis des plus fideles de Mons. Cleveland, le nouveau president des Etats Unis. Mons. Dana is designated as the probable successor of Mons. Colton at the legation of the United States in London."

## Had a Coward Heart.

LOSANOS, Dec. 25.—The medical men of Paris are drawing some interesting conclusions from their examination of the body of Crampou, the murderer who was guillotined the other day. Crampou was the picture of terror when he went to his death and the doctors found that his heart had contracted in consequence. They speak of it contemptuously as a "cowardly heart." They argue that the popular notion that the heart is the seat of courage is founded upon a physiological fact.

## Mrs. Maybrick Attempted Suicide.

LOSANOS, Dec. 25.—The medical officer at Woking prison has reported to the home office that Mrs. Maybrick is not suffering from any serious constitutional disease. The late severe hemorrhage, about which so much was said, was the result of self-inflicted injuries. She wounded herself with a pen-knife in a horrible manner. It was many days before the bleeding could be stopped, and her weakness at that period was extreme.

## Vic's Christmas Gifts.

LOSANOS, Dec. 25.—The queen's Christmas party at Osborne this year is smaller than usual, and consists entirely of members of the family and some half dozen courtiers. During the week before, known as the armor bounty and the royal gate arms, have been distributed by the high royal almoner and the sub-almoner, in London, is over 1,000 aged, disabled and meritorious men.

## WILL TALK IT OVER.

Railroad Employees to Discuss of Federation at Cedar Rapids. TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 25.—Grand Master Sargent of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen was interviewed today regarding the alleged federation of railroad labor organizations. He states that a conference has been called to meet at Cedar Rapids Wednesday, December 28, to which the Order of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Firemen, Order of Railway Telegraphers and Order of Railway Switchmen have been invited. The conference will be composed of committees chosen by the several railroad orders. Mr. Sargent says that while the meeting is called to consider the question of federation, it cannot at the time definitely decide to federate. It would, in fact, be impossible to do this, since whatever action may be taken at the meeting would, under the rules of the several orders, have to be referred to those orders for ratification.

## Killed by a Train.

TIFFIN, O., Dec. 25.—August Barlick, aged 16 years, and Miss Myrtle Wagner, aged 15, were struck by a freight train on the Big Four road eight miles north of this city at 3 o'clock this evening as they were crossing the tracks at a station. The girl's arm was broken, and she was instantly killed, and the young man so badly injured that he cannot live till morning. The horse escaped unscathed, but the buggy was utterly demolished and both the occupants of the vehicle horribly mangled. The young people were on their way to a Christmas concert before the accident occurred and were so wrapped up in the train that they failed to hear the whistle for the crossing.

## Dropped Dead in a Bank.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Joseph M. Fisk dropped dead while entering the American Exchange National bank at Cedar street and Broadway yesterday. Mr. Fisk had been a director of the bank for forty-six years in continuous service, being the dean of the board by many years. He had come down town to attend a directors' meeting. Mr. Fisk was passing the teller's window when, without a word, he staggered and fell forward. He was unconscious and appeared to be dead. Dr. Symonds was hastily summoned from the Mutual Life Insurance company, where the physician and Dr. Fisk had been sitting, and he found that the probable cause being heart disease.

## Crushed by Ice.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Tons of ice which had formed in the immense wheel pits of the Cataract Construction company, leading to the hydraulic tunnel, were dislodged here this morning by a swinging cable, loaded with stones, striking the mass. The ice, a clear silver white, struck the workers beneath. Andrew Dunlop, a white miner, had his skull crushed in and was instantly killed. John Rotzo had his shoulder fractured and one arm broken. Peter Angelo, Michael Rutledge and two others, names unknown, had their arms and legs broken.

## Sew Them Burned to Death.

REARDON, Pa., Dec. 25.—An Erie coal train broke in two parts on a steep grade near Hutchins, this county. When they collided, the train caught fire and burned for some time. John A. Housheer and Brakeman J. O. Connor, both of this place, were caught in the wreckage and slowly burned to death before the eyes of the horrified companions, who were unable to rescue them.

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